

PERINATAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION (PSAP)
SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2005

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Hiatt, Ph.D.
Beverly Neyland, MD
Susan Doctor, Ph.D.
Greg Weyland (proxy for Maria Canfield)
Colleen Morris, M.D.
T.J. Rosenberg
Eileen Shmukler (proxy for Gloria Jackson)
Charlene Herst

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Leon Merchant
Maggie Carlton, Senator
Terrence McGaw, M.D.
Janie Lowe

STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Huth, MSN, CNM, Health Program Specialist 2, Perinatal Nurse Consultant,
Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Barry Lovgren, Health Program Specialist 2, PSAP Coordinator, BFHS
Tami Terstege, Administrative Assistant 4, BFHS

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Hiatt called the Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention (PSAP) Subcommittee meeting to order at **9:15 a.m.** at the Kinkead Building, 505 East King Street, Room 103, Carson City, and Nevada Early Intervention Services (NEIS), 3811 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 209, Las Vegas, Nevada. This was a public meeting, and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance of the Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), 3427 Goni Road, Suite 108, Carson City; Kinkead Building, 505 East King Street, Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department, (NCDHD) Ninth and Wells; Reno; Clark County Health District (CCHD), 625 Shadow Lane, Las Vegas; Elko Nursing Office, 531 Sixth St, Elko; NEIS, 3811 W. Charleston Blvd., Suite 209, Las Vegas; and the Health Division Website: www.health2k.state.nv.us.

Introductions were made around the table.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, AND
DECEMBER 14, 2004**

Dr. Colleen Morris moved to approve the October 25, and December 14, 2004 minutes. T.J Rosenberg seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

PSAP SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIR REPORT

Neither co-chair was present at this meeting, so no report was given.

PSAP COORDINATOR REPORT

Barry Lovgren reported he had been working on the Children's Trust-Fund grant. He stated there are three parts. One is ads on the sides of buses in Washoe County and Clark County, telling pregnant women who cannot stop drinking where to get help. The contract for bus ads in Clark County is currently in the Attorney General's office for review, and has been signed off by vendors. The contract in Washoe County is being reviewed by the Regional Transportation Commission legal division. The second part of the grant project is sending placards out to places which serve alcohol. Mr. Lovgren said he had received lists of mailing labels from agencies that license these establishments. He announced tear-offs for placards are being prepared by Nevada State Printing. This tear-off tells women who cannot stop drinking during pregnancy where to call for help. Third part of this grant involves Mr. Lovgren providing training to Clinicians and social service agencies on prenatal exposure to alcohol and how to screen and refer pregnant women for substance abuse treatment. This training will be scheduled to be held during April, May and June.

Mr. Lovgren reported he was unable to arrange for a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Town-Hall meeting, to which Legislators would be invited during the Legislative session. Mr. Lovgren informed Senator Maggie Carlton of this situation and she told him she would see about finding a room, but apparently had been unable to do so.

Mr. Lovgren announced he received a resignation letter from Leon Merchant from Washoe Association of Retarded Citizens (WARC). Mr. Lovgren stressed the importance of there being a representative for the disabled community as a member of the Subcommittee. It was suggested Mr. Lovgren contact the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) support groups in Reno and in Las Vegas to see if someone from those groups would be interested in becoming a member of the Subcommittee. Mr. Lovgren stated he would contact those groups and invite them to attend the next Subcommittee meeting.

**SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (MCHAB)
REGARDING NAMING CANDICE KIDD TO REPRESENT WESTCARE OF
NEVADA AS A MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mr. Lovgren stated he had a discussion with Senator Carlton and Dr. Terrence McGaw. Within the discussion, Senator Carlton explained her concern of having Candice Kidd as a voting member. This is a concern due to conflict of interest when the subcommittee takes action affecting WestCare. One option is she could be a non-voting member, and

would be able to participate in discussion. The other option is she could abstain from voting on any issues which might place her in a position of conflict of interest.

Dr. Hiatt stated there is always issues concerning agencies, that is why there are disclosures and abstinence from voting when appropriate. The Subcommittee briefly discussed, and Dr. Morris motioned to approve Ms. Kidd as a voting member and Dr. Beverly Neyland seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

**LEGISLATIVE AGENDA: SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF BILLS
DRAFTED FOR THE 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION TO DETERMINE WHICH
APPEAR TO BE RELATED TO PSAP, AND FOR ANY BILL DETERMINED TO
BE PSAP-RELATED, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SUBCOMMITTEE
ACTION IN RESPONSE TO THE BILL**

Mr. Lovgren announced he has been watching for the introduction of the bill sponsored by the Nevada Sheriff's of Chief's Association which would make it child abuse for women to use illegal substance during pregnancy. This bill has not yet been introduced. Mr. Lovgren stated he spoke to Senator Carlton and she stated it might not be introduced.

Mr. Lovgren announced the Assembly Bill 221 has been introduced, which would provide the server training much like Clark County currently requires on a state-wide basis. Clark County also ordinances the training curriculum of AB 221 which does not explicitly address Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, but does include clinical affects in the human body. AB 221 provides three exceptions to require server training which are Resort Hotels, whole sellers, and private clubs. Mr. Lovgren stated he brought this to the Subcommittee because they had previously expressed interest before in server training being made a state-wide requirement. Dr. Neyland asked if there is resistance to this bill and Mr. Lovgren responded when the Subcommittee had previously discussed this Senator Carlton stated she would anticipate resistance from rural areas. Mr. Lovgren stated the bill would be heard at 8:00 am on March 24, 2005, by the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Lovgren stated if the Subcommittee had a position on this bill two things needed to happen: first the Subcommittee would need to adopt a resolution to effect, and secondly it would need to find a way to communicate this position to Legislature. Cynthia Huth reminded the members as a Subcommittee of the Maternal and Child Advisory Board (MCHAB) cannot itself make recommendation to the legislature but can recommend the MCHAB do so. Members of the Subcommittee may choose to testify at the legislature hearing as individuals, not as representatives of the Subcommittee.

During this discussion of AB 221 concerns were expressed regarding proving an exemption for Resort Hotels, and regarding not explicitly addressing fetal alcohol exposure. Dr. Morris moved the Subcommittee support AB 221 with stipulation the exception for Resort Hotels should be eliminated, and required the curriculum for the training include, Clinical affects on the human body be revised to specify including the effect of alcohol in pregnancy. Dr. Neyland seconded. **MOTION APROVED**

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO STAFF: DISCUSSION ONLY
ACTION MAY NOT BE TAKEN ON ANY MATTER BROUGHT UP UNDER
THIS AGENDA AT A LATER MEETING FOR ACTION

The Subcommittee discussed conducting a (FASD) Town-Hall meeting although conducting one during legislative session had not proven to be feasible. Dr. Morris stated at a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta there were positive reporting on the Town-Hall meetings. The out come of the meetings were very helpful. A meeting in Nevada would need to specify the needs of Nevada. The Alcohol Syndrome Center of Excellence should be able to provide Mr. Lovgren with a way to conduct a Town-Hall meeting. This will be put on the next meeting as an action item.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION

No public comments were made. The next meeting will be on May 24, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at **10:15 a.m.**